



# New York Field Office

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## Partners for Fish & Wildlife



### Congressional District #25

James Walsh

***"We are really happy with the (Partners for Fish and Wildlife) Program and enjoy our wetland. The neighbors also enjoy the wildlife it attracts"*** said Jackie Keenen about the

wetlands restored on her Cayuga County property 10 years ago. Ms. Keenen is one of 2,500 landowners in New York who have joined with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore wildlife habitat on their lands. Through its innovative Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the Service

provides technical advice and funding to help landowners like Ms. Keenen realize their goal of making their land a better place for wildlife and in the process a better place for themselves.

#### Partners for Fish and Wildlife Accomplishments In Congressional District 25

Number of Landowners with Completed Projects	41
Acres of Wetland Habitat Restored	3171
Acres of Grassland Habitat Restored	36
Miles of Riparian Habitat Restored	1
Number of Sites Restored	69
Number of Landowners Participating in PFW	230
Number of Landowners on the Waiting list	36

### Accomplishments

New York State's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was initiated in 1990 to restore wetland habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Since then the Partners Program has been very active in Congressional District 25 restoring all kinds of wildlife habitat for the benefit of a variety of wildlife species, and of course the landowners as well.



One project that was completed entailed restoring one mile of Nine Mile Creek using natural channel design methods in Marcellus Town Park. After restoration, native trout can once again spawn and live in the project area. Nine Mile Creek is one of the most heavily fished and productive streams in New York. This project was a joint effort between Town, County, State, and Federal agencies. People are once again fishing this portion of the stream and being very successful at it.

### Goals

- To restore 8,000 acres of wetland habitat for waterfowl, water birds, and song birds.
- To restore 2,000 acres of grassland habitat for grassland nesting birds like the bobolink.
- To restore 8 miles of streams using natural channel design including Sterling Creek, Onondaga Creek, and Nine Mile Creek.

### Partners

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry  
Niagara Mohawk Electric Company  
Trout Unlimited  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Edna Bailey Sussman Foundation

Farm Service Agency  
Sterling Nature Center  
Ducks Unlimited  
The Nature Conservancy  
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